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Announcing the MF-ALF

(Miller's Furs - Animal Liberation Front)

Members needed!

The group that's guaranteed to make Miller's Furs a thing of the past.



Membership Requirements

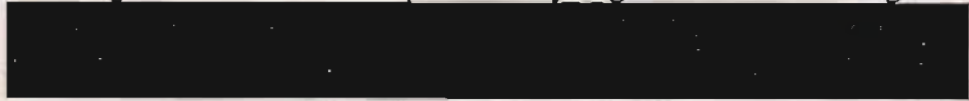
- Make a night-time visit to Miller's Furs
- Ensure that no one (even the bad guys) gets physically hurt
- Discuss your actions with absolutely no one
- Don't get caught
- Leave a sign of appreciation: smash a window, glue a lock, etch a window, throw a paint bomb, spray paint a slogan, burn Miller's Furs down

Some of the Many Benefits

- Countless animals saved from torture & death
- Closing of Miller's Furs
- Nervous Breakdown of Manny Miller

Past Members' Creative Ways of Joining the MF-ALF

- 11/11/96...early morning...Chevy Chase Miller's Furs
Side of the building was decorated in red paint in very large letters with the slogan:



(The A, L, and F were underlined.)



All of the Miller's Furs parking signs were crossed out with red paint



Gartenhaus Furs, two doors down, was splattered with red paint over all of the awnings as well as the sidewalk.

- 3/1/97...early morning...D.C. Miller's Furs
The store was paint bombed.

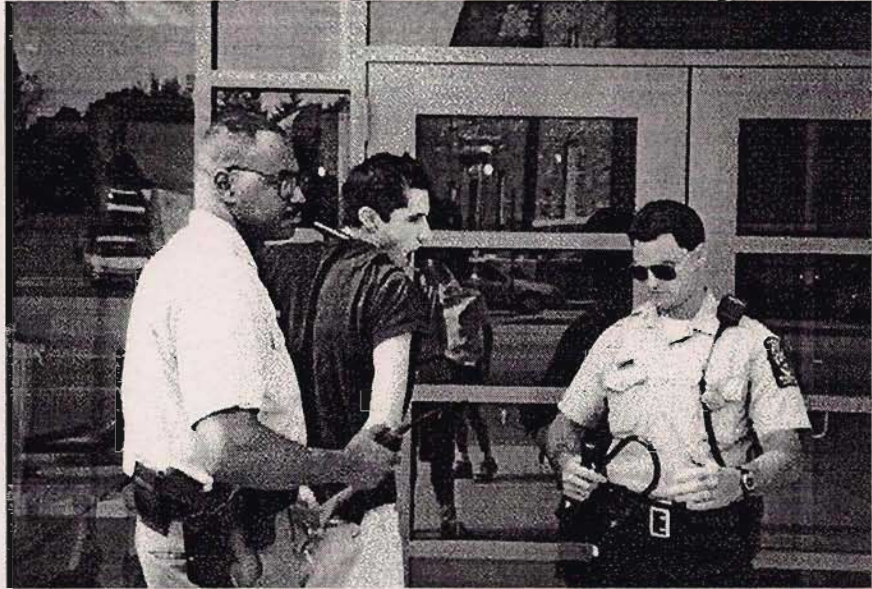


- 3/5/97...late evening...D.C. Miller's Furs
Etching cream was used to decorate "FUR HURTS" on one of the windows.
(See top photo)

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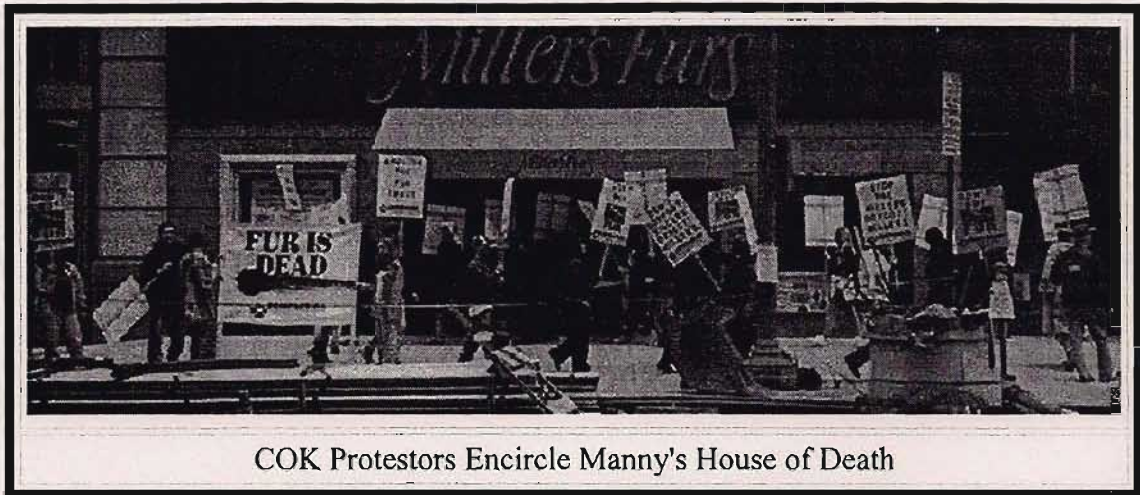
Anthony Giaquinta Falsely Charged!



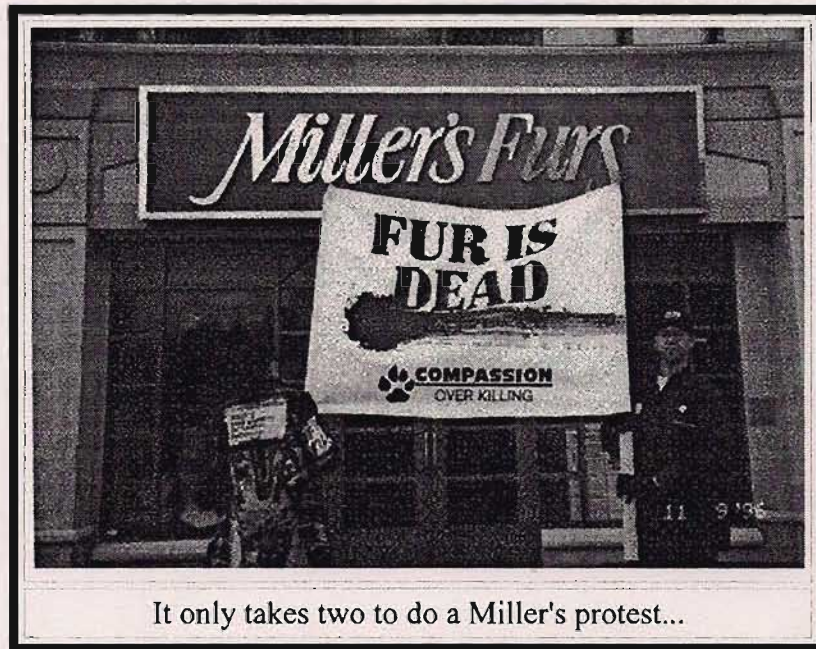
Last September, COK member Anthony Giaquinta was arrested at a Miller's Furs protest. While attempting to U-lock himself to the front door, a police officer tried to pry the lock out of his hands. In Anthony's attempt to close the lock, he pushed away the officer's left hand. The consequence? Anthony was charged with police battery and attempted trespassing.

When his court date arrived, the attempted trespassing charge had been dropped, but the police battery charge stuck.

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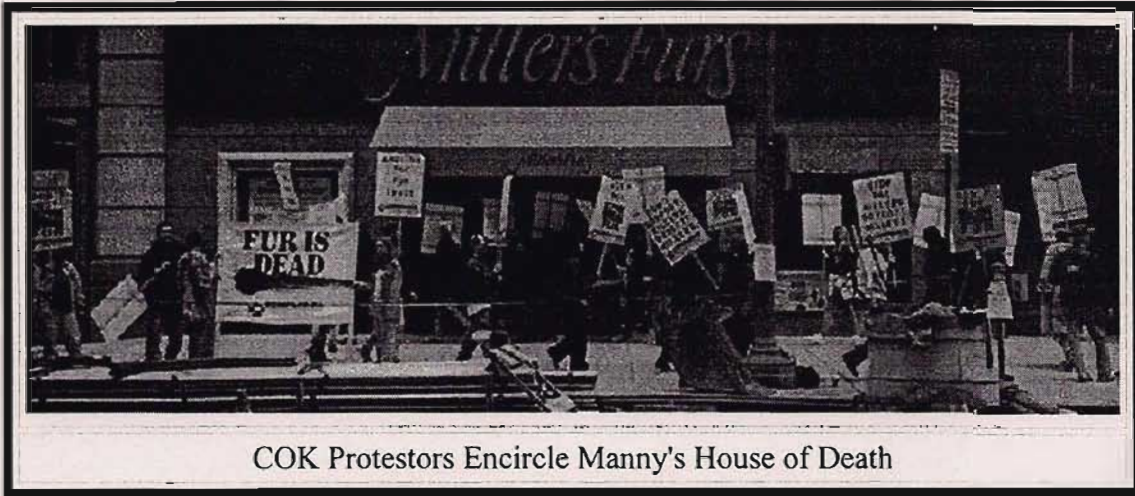
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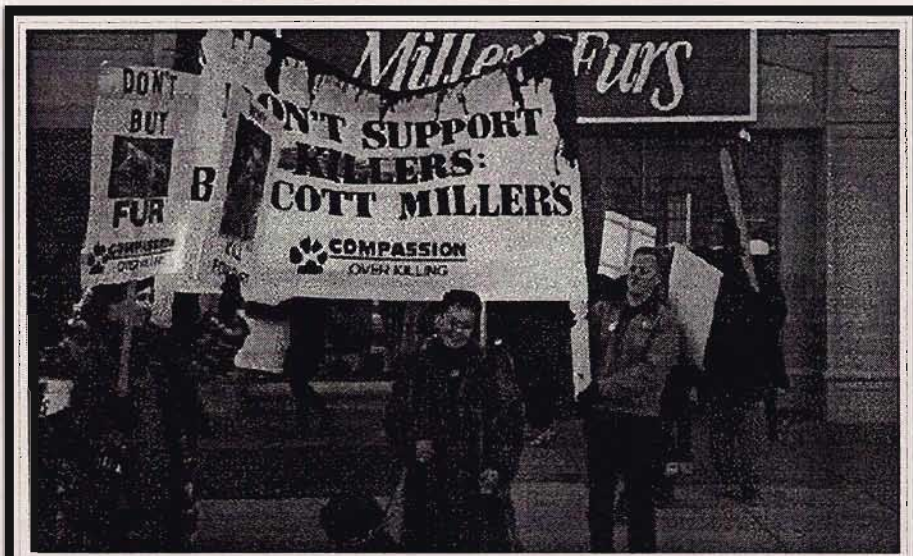
It only takes two to do a Miller's protest...



"When Your Stomach Needs a Filling,
Choose Compassion Over Killing!"



"Shut Miller's Down,
Run 'Em Out of Town!"



"The Fur on Your Back is BLOOD on Your Hands!"

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On Confronting Fur Wearers



There's been a recent bounce back in the number of people wearing fur garments. While demonstrating and leafleting are essential to driving the fur industry into the ground, there is another ACTION that anyone can do at almost any time: **CONFRONTATION**

When dealing with the fur issue, we must realize why people wear fur: they want to

be admired by others. It's our job to let fur wearers know that we don't admire them. In fact, those who choose to wear the skins of tortured animals are a symbol of violence and repugnance.

Every time we see someone wearing fur AND FUR TRIM, we must confront them and let them know our opinion of murder in the name of vanity.

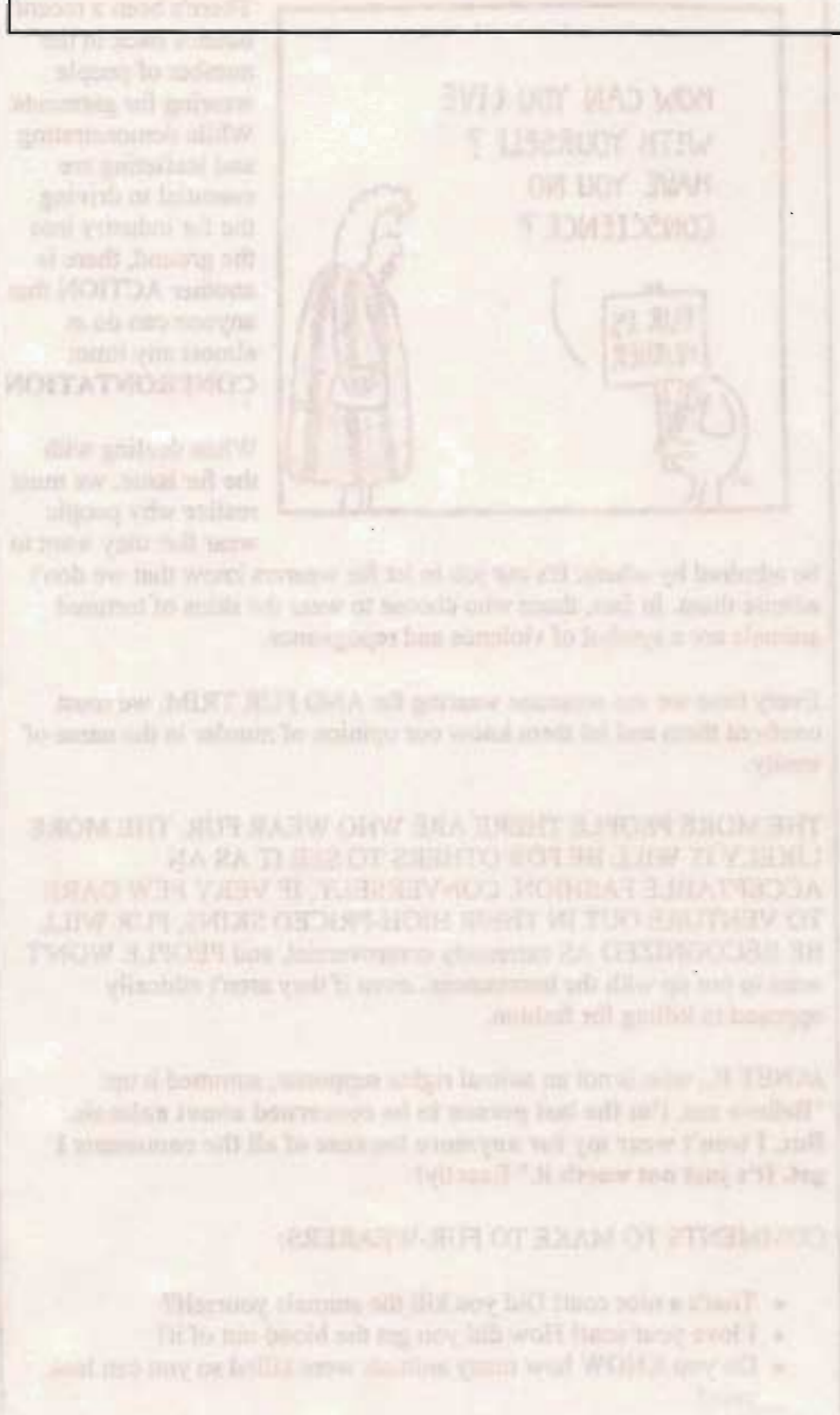
THE MORE PEOPLE THERE ARE WHO WEAR FUR, THE MORE LIKELY IT WILL BE FOR OTHERS TO SEE IT AS AN ACCEPTABLE FASHION. CONVERSELY, IF VERY FEW DARE TO VENTURE OUT IN THEIR HIGH-PRICED SKINS, FUR WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS extremely controversial, and PEOPLE WON'T want to put up with the harassment...even if they aren't ethically opposed to killing for fashion.

JANET R., who is not an animal rights supporter, summed it up: **"Believe me, I'm the last person to be concerned about animals. But, I won't wear my fur anymore because of all the comments I get. It's just not worth it."** Exactly!

COMMENTS TO MAKE TO FUR-WEARERS:

- That's a nice coat! Did you kill the animals yourself?
- I love your coat! How did you get the blood out of it?
- Do you KNOW how many animals were killed so you can look vain?

- (This suggestion requires a camera in-hand.) Excuse me. I'm doing a photo journal on people who need to wear dead animals in order to feel better about themselves. May I take your picture?
- (Said in a polite voice) You look like such a nice person. You must not know how much cruelty went into that coat.



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COK Gives Miller's Furs Hell on FFF !

Compassion Over Killing celebrated Fur Free Friday '96 with demonstrations at BOTH Miller's Furs stores.

With media present at both protests, activists carried signs, dragged bloody furs, and chanted anti-fur slogans such as *"For the mink, For the fox, Smash their windows, Glue their locks!"* and *"One, two, three, four! COK says no more Five, six, seven, eight! We intend to liberate! Nine, ten, eleven, twelve! Miller's Furs, go to hell!"*

Chevy Chase, Md...

Moments before more than 50 COK activists began protesting in front of the Chevy Chase Miller's Furs, Danielle Bays and Trish Tereskiewicz entered the store's foyer dressed as potential customers. Before entering the second set of doors, the activists quickly placed Kryptonite U-locks on the handles of the outer and inner doors, thereby locking themselves in the foyer. They decorated the glass doors on all sides with anti-fur posters and successfully blocked the entrance to the store for 35 minutes before the police removed the door handles and opened the doors. During the "take-over," several customers were turned away. Danielle and Trish were arrested, charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct, and later released on their own recognizance.



Trish is

taken away by the police after crippling Miller's Furs for 35 minutes with fellow cd-er, Danielle Bays.



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activists locked themselves in the foyer of Miller's, thoughtfully plastering the doors with anti-fur posters to educate both those in the store and the police.

D.C...

The D.C. Miller's Furs demo



included more than 41 protesters...and 18 police officers. A local activist attempted to U-lock herself to the door, but was stopped when a Miller's security guard kicked open the door, smashing the activist's head. Later in the protest, the store's windows were plastered with anti-fur bumper stickers. Despite the heavy police presence, no activists were arrested.

Heir to Miller's, Manny's bouncy baby boy tries to remove an anti-fur sticker slapped onto the storefront.



Keep the Pressure on Miller's!



Manny Miller tries a home protest...

Just In Case...

you were interested in doing a home or store protest against Miller's Furs, we have enclosed their home and store addresses as well as phone numbers (you do have the right to know). We are not advocating or condemning anything illegal. These addresses are listed here because you have the right to know them and the right to conduct peaceful demonstrations outside of them.

Manny and Polly

Miller
8317 Snug Hill Rd.
Potomac, MD 20854
301-983-1658

Miller's Furs

6900 Wisconsin Ave.
Chevy Chase, MD
20815
301-656-3877

1335 F. St., NW
Washington DC
20004
202-628-5628

